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Luján Secures Over \$25 Million in Projects for New Mexico

Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Ben Ray Luján voted for the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, which will help spur economic recovery while providing solutions to our energy and water quality needs. The Act also includes significant investments in New Mexico's infrastructure that will build on investments made by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, helping strengthen infrastructure throughout New Mexico. The bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 320 to 97. It now awaits Senate consideration.

"This bill makes important investments in energy technology and infrastructure. This bill will help us move toward energy independence and rebuild our aging infrastructure," said Rep. Luján. "I'm encouraged that significant investments in New Mexico's infrastructure have been included. Clean, accessible water is critically important to communities throughout our state, and I'm glad that there is funding for water systems that will help provide water to rural communities."

The Energy and Water Appropriations Act builds on investments made in the American

Recovery and Reinvestment Act that will help make the United States a leader in clean energy. The Energy and Water Appropriations Act invests in fuel efficient vehicles. It helps modernize our electric grid by investing in smart grid technology that will ensure efficient and reliable delivery of electricity to American homes and businesses. The bill provides increased funding for low-income weatherization grants to improve energy efficiency in homes. The grants will help save families money by reducing electricity and heating costs. The bill also invests in the water infrastructure needs of our communities to improve water quality and accessibility.

The Energy and Water Appropriations Act makes important investments in water and energy projects in New Mexico, including the Jicarilla Apache Rural Water System.

"The Jicarilla Apache Nation applauds the leadership of Congressman Luján for his efforts to secure \$3 million to repair and replace the Jicarilla Apache Rural Water System. This will help address the public health priorities in our region by fulfilling the promise Congress made 7 years ago when they authorized funding to address the substandard and dilapidated water system serving our people," said Levi Pesata, President of the Jicarilla Apache Nation.

Projects in the Energy and Water Appropriations Act for the Third Congressional District

Project

Amount

Bureau of Land Management -	JICARILLA APACHE RES
\$3,000,000	

US Army Corps of Engineers	Project - COCHITI LAKE, N
\$6,876,000	

US Army Corps of Engineers	Project - CONCHAS LAKE
\$1,796,000	

US Army Corps of Engineers	Project - ESPANOLA VALL

\$300,000

US Army Corps of Engineers

Project - GALISTEO DAM,

\$591,000

US Army Corps of Engineers

Project - INSPECTION OF

\$639,000

US Army Corps of Engineers

Project - JEMEZ CANYON

\$756,000

US Army Corps of Engineers

Project - MIDDLE RIO GRANDE

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\$3,150,000

US Army Corps of Engineers

Project - TRIBAL PARTNE

\$300,000

US Army Corps of Engineers

Project - RIO GRANDE BA

\$120,000

US Army Corps of Engineers

Project - SCHEDULING RE

\$477,000

US Army Corps of Engineers

Project - UPPER RIO GRA

\$4,188,000

Total

\$25,498,000

